



Community-Based Research for Service Delivery

The EMCN Model





Overview

- EMCN: An Introduction
- EMCN Research Team, 2000 - 2005
- Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)
- EMCN Research Team, 2006 - present
- Language Self-Assessment Activity



EMCN History

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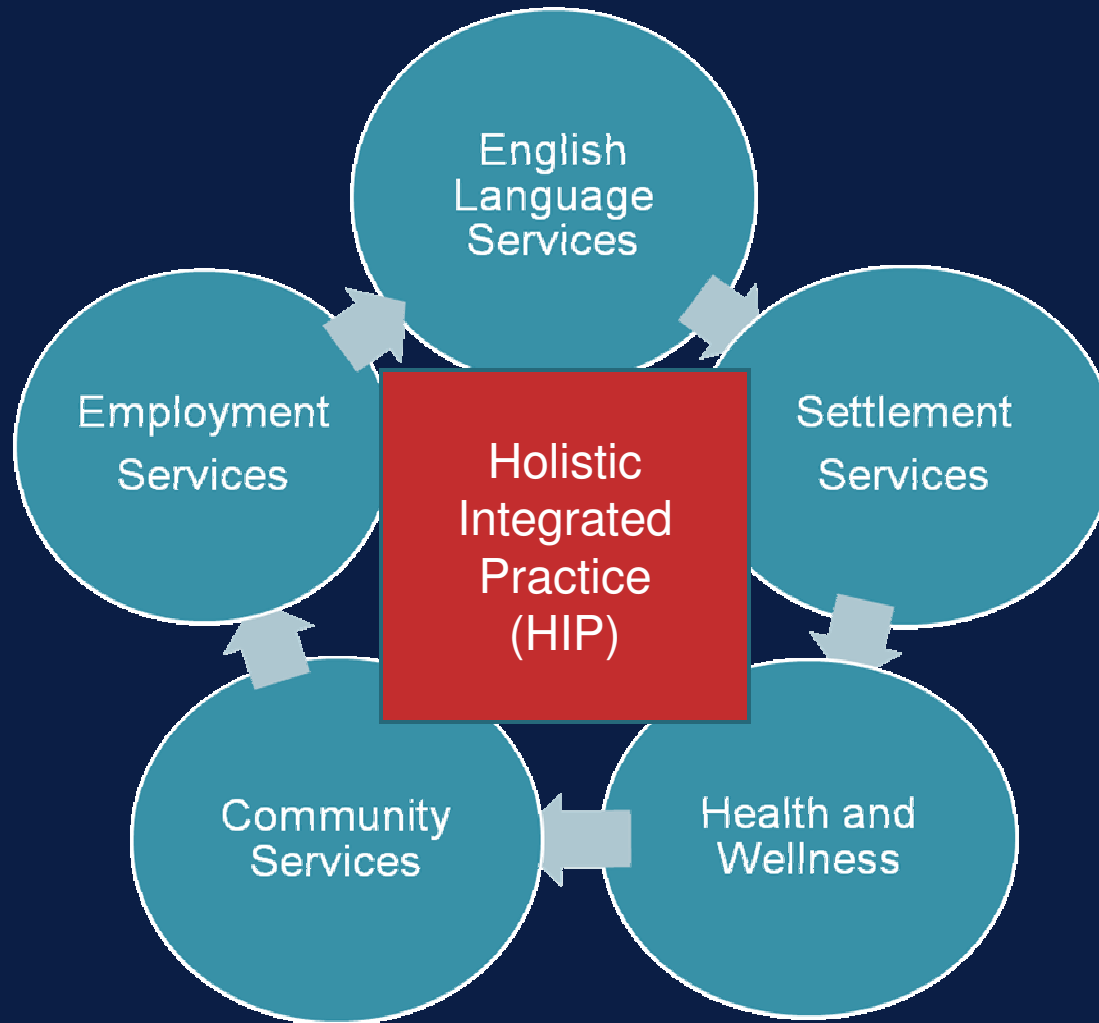
- Established by five local Mennonite churches
- Settlement services to Vietnamese refugees
- 2 staff

2009

- Operating in 5 locations
- 130+ staff
- Annual operating budget of over \$6.5 million
- Primarily funded by government



Services for Newcomers





Research Team: 2000 - 2005

- Origins

- Role

- Past Projects

- Bridging Program Development
- Curriculum Development
- ETIP Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) tool
- E-Portfolio



Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition at EMCN

- Qualifying prospective program participants through competency-based assessment
- Identifying gaps in competencies that need to be addressed
- Increased understanding of requirements to practice in the Canadian context
- Improved career counselling services
- Increased self-awareness and control over the career bridging process
- Allows people to demonstrate informal learning as well as formal credentials, soft skills as well as technical skills



Research Team: 2006 - present

Mission

The research team generates, collects and transfers new and existing knowledge and resources that enhances the learning capital of EMCN and the community it serves.

Vision

In support of EMCN and its efforts towards a just and intercultural society, the research team strives to effect positive change through the development of knowledge and resources.

Values

1. Social Justice
2. Integrity
3. Innovation
4. Collaboration



Research Team: 2006 - present

○ Recent Projects:

- Accounting PLAR
- Engineering Language Benchmarking Project
- Engineering Language Portfolio
- Bridging Program for Bankers

○ Current Projects

- Accounting Language Benchmarking Project
- Engineering Language Portfolio



Language Self-Assessment Activity

- o Canadian Language Benchmarks Speaking Descriptors

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